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SENATE BILL

No. 1053

Introduced by Senator Scott

February 22, 2005

An act to add Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 58950) to Part 31 of the Education Code, relating to schoolsite funding.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1053, as amended, Scott. Schoolsite funding: Local Improvement Program.

Existing law establishes various categorical aid programs under which funding is provided for specific educational purposes.

This bill would establish the Local Improvement Program as a pilot project which would allow up to 10 school districts to apply to the State Board of Education to participate in the program. This bill would require school districts participating in the program to allocate instructional program funding to participating schools with maximum flexibility in the development and implementation of schoolsite funding in order to support and improve pupil learning.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 58950)
- 2 is added to Part 31 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 10. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

58950. (a) The Local Improvement Program is hereby established as a pilot program. The State Board of Education may select ~~up to 10~~ school districts, *applying on behalf of public schools that provide instruction in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive*, to participate in the Local Improvement Program in accordance with criteria that the state board may adopt. *The number of schools participating in the program for all school districts approved by the state board may not exceed 5 percent of the total number of public schools that provide instruction in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive.* Participating school districts shall allocate instructional program funding to participating schools with maximum flexibility in the development and implementation of schoolsite funding in order to support and improve pupil learning.

(b) The governing board of a participating school district shall develop and implement policies and procedures pursuant to this chapter that support the schoolsite goals and objectives of the participating schools.

58951. The governing board of each participating school district shall develop and implement policies and procedures to increase site-level decisionmaking at participating schools to enable all of the following:

(a) Parents, community members representing the diverse racial, ethnic, gender, and socioeconomic backgrounds, the school pupil population, teachers and secondary school pupils, schoolsite administrators, the various categories of school employees, and other school staff to set goals, objectives, and expenditure priorities for improving instruction at that school, and to participate in decisionmaking regarding policies and procedures. It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure meaningful access by, and participation of, parents in the design and governance of a schoolsite, and, to enable the participation of parents who traditionally have not participated in school governance.

(b) Schoolsite teachers and school level administrators to design and implement policies and procedures consistent with the goals and objectives established pursuant to subdivision (a), including, but not limited to, all of the following:

1 (1) Selection and assignment of certificated and
2 noncertificated school personnel in accordance with Chapter 5
3 (commencing with Section 45100) of Part 25.

4 (2) Development and enrichment of instructional courses that
5 build upon state-adopted content and performance standards in
6 order to provide rigorous instruction for all pupils, including the
7 implementation of diverse instructional approaches to respond to
8 the variety of pupil learning needs.

9 (3) Expenditure of funds for instruction, including, but not
10 limited to, instructional materials, staff training, and personnel.

11 58952. Participating school districts may, on behalf of one or
12 more participating schools, request to waive any provision of the
13 Education Code, or any regulation enacted pursuant to authority
14 granted by the Education Code, if the waiver is requested in
15 accordance with Article 3 (commencing with Section 33050) of
16 Chapter 1 of Part 20. A waiver may be approved only if it is
17 necessary to facilitate the pilot program established by this
18 chapter.

19 58953. (a) The application of a school district, *on behalf of*
20 *one or more schools within the district*, to participate shall
21 demonstrate the manner in which parent education, information,
22 and support will be provided for parents of all racial, ethnic,
23 gender, or socioeconomic backgrounds to encourage their
24 involvement in the development and implementation of the
25 program and for each parent to be involved in decisionmaking
26 and support for the instructional program of his or her child.

27 (b) *A school principal, acting with the consent of the*
28 *schools site council, or any other representative body constituted*
29 *pursuant to the requirements of Section 58951, may apply on*
30 *behalf of his or her school to the governing board of the school*
31 *district to participate in the Local Improvement Program. A*
32 *school district may only apply to participate in the Local*
33 *Improvement Program on behalf of schools or consortia of*
34 *schools that apply to take part in the program.*

35 ~~(b)~~

36 (c) A participating school district shall provide information
37 that is required by the Superintendent to conduct the evaluation
38 required by Section 58954.

39 58954. (a) Subject to the availability of funds specifically
40 appropriated for this section, the Superintendent shall evaluate,

1 or contract for the evaluation of, the effectiveness of the Local
2 Improvement Program and annually report that evaluation to the
3 state board, the Assembly Committee on Education, and the
4 Senate Committee on Education. The evaluation shall include a
5 determination whether pupils and school communities have
6 benefited from the provision of instructional program funding to
7 participating schools with maximum flexibility. The
8 Superintendent shall make recommendations concerning whether
9 a local improvement program should be continued.

10 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the evaluation include
11 all of the following:

12 (1) An assessment of the nature, scope, and quality of the
13 implementation of a local improvement program.

14 (2) A recommendation regarding needed modifications in
15 statutes, policy, or procedure, in order to support and assist
16 implementation of a local improvement program.

17 (3) An assessment of the effectiveness of a local improvement
18 program in supporting and improving pupil learning as measured
19 by both pupil performance, and pupil, parent, and school
20 employee satisfaction, with pupil learning, school organization,
21 governance, and management.

22 (4) Information regarding changes in roles or responsibilities
23 among participating individuals, including teachers,
24 administrators, other school staff, parents, pupils, and
25 participating entities including businesses, postsecondary
26 educational institutions, and educational organizations.

27 58955. The department shall provide staff assistance to the
28 state board as necessary for the purpose of establishing
29 monitoring, and evaluating a local improvement program.